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To: State Directors

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Interim Guidance for Completion of Fire Management Plan Revisions Using the
Interagency Template

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Program Area: Fire Management Planning

Purpose: To provide assistance to field offices in the process of developing new Fire Management Plans (FMPs) or revising existing FMPs, a fire operations and planning team developed the attached FMP Interim Guidance. This direction provides information on how to format FMPs to comply with the Interagency FMP Template issued July 11, 2002.

Policy/Action: All FMPs must be formatted according to the Interagency Template by September 30, 2004. The Office of Fire and Aviation will assist offices in meeting this requirement by providing workshops and/or training starting in the first quarter of fiscal year 2004.

The interim guidance provides Interagency Template language in italics followed by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) direction in non-italics-bold. Most of the sections also provide an example (non-italics) of how the FMP section may look. This direction does not provide an inclusive listing of all types of Resource Management Plan/Management Framework Plan goals, objectives, standards, guidelines or constraints, nor does it provide an inclusive listing of wildland fire management category illustrations. The document provides a limited number of examples to assist in writing your FMP.

Your FMPs should include all wildland fire relevant management guidance, which includes but is not limited to desired future condition goals, land use allocations, appropriate management response, and management constraints. Any office-specific operating standards or guidelines should also be included. This interim guidance is to be used during the development of your FMP.

Time Frame: Effective Immediately

Budget Impact: None

Background: The Interagency FMP Template issued July 11, 2002 requires all agencies to format FMP in template format by September 30, 2004. The BLM has prepared this interim guidance to update direction in FMP Handbook 9211-1.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: H9211-1 expected to be amended in fiscal year 2004 to incorporate the new Federal Fire policy guidance found in the Interagency FMP Template (July 11, 2002).

Coordination: The Office of Fire and Aviation has coordinated this FMP guidance with the FA-300, WO-210, and a team of State and Field Office Representatives.

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Union: All offices with a union are required to make notification of this action to the union representatives.

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Interim BLM Fire Management Plan Guidance (26 pp)

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